



ALICE PECK DAY HEALTH SYSTEMS



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APD Becomes Sixth Organization to Receive OSHA's "SHARP" Award

Second Employee Safety and Health Award in Two Months

LEBANON, NH—The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (DES) announced today that Alice Peck Day Health Systems of Lebanon, NH will receive the prestigious OSHA SHARP award. APD joins an elite group of five organizations statewide to be honored by OSHA's "Safety and Health Achievement Recognition Program."

"The presentation of the SHARP award to Alice Peck Day Health Systems demonstrates their outstanding dedication to the safety and health of their employees," said DES Commissioner Michael Nolin. "I hope that more businesses will follow the example set by APD Health Systems for excellence in employee safety and health."

"We are most honored that Marthe B. Kent, Regional Administrator of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) in Boston, MA, will personally present the SHARP "commemorative" banner," said Harry G. Dorman, III, APD's president and CEO. The ceremony will be held on Monday, March 8, 2006, at 1:00 p.m. in the Dwinell Room at Harvest Hill on the APD campus, 125 Mascoma Street in Lebanon, NH.

SHARP certification is awarded to organizations having implemented exceptional workplace safety and health programs. Requirements include a complete on-site hazard identification survey; sustained Lost-Workday, Injury and Illness rate (LWDII) and Total Recordable Case Rate (TRCR) significantly below the national average; and confidential employee interviews to confirm the

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organization's commitment to worker safety and health. The award grants APD a 2-year exemption from routine OSHA inspections.

Diana Colt, RN, Manager of APD's Department of Occupational Health Services and Chair of the Joint Loss Management Committee, attributed three key factors to APD's success. "First, senior management has set a high expectation for employee health and safety as an organizational top priority. Secondly, our health and safety program is led by an employee Safety Committee who is passionate about educating and communicating the program's values and goals. Finally, and most importantly, our employees are fully committed to incorporating safety into their daily work habits."

The SHARP award is the second safety award APD has received in two months. The Liberty Mutual Insurance "Gold Award" was presented on March 17, 2006 for "outstanding performance in safety." Criterion for the award includes an 80 percent better safety record than similar organizations surveyed by the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

"Employee health and safety is fundamental to our mission of continually improving the health of our community," said Harry G. Dorman, III, President and CEO. "This accomplishment was made possible by the motivation and commitment of staff and management. I am very proud of this success."

Alice Peck Day Health Systems serves as the parent organization of two non-profit subsidiaries – Alice Peck Day Memorial Hospital and Harvest Hill, the region's only independent and assisted living community with comprehensive onsite medical services.

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